### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI NORTHERN DIVISION - JACKSON

CAPITOL BODY SHOP, INC., AUTOMOTIVE ALIGNMENT & BODY SERVICE, INC., D/B/A PITALO AUTO PAINT & BODY, ALEXANDER BODY SHOP, LLC, B & W BODY SHOP, INC., BILL FOWLER'S BODYWORKS, INC., BOLDEN BODY SHOP, LLC, CANTON COLLISION, LLC CAPITOL BODY SHOP OF RIDGELAND, INC., CAPITOL BODY SHOP OF BYRAM, INC., CLINTON BODY SHOP, INC., CLINTON BODY SHOP OF RICHLAND, INC., CRYSTAL CAR CARE, INC., EAST MCCOMB BODY SHOP, INC., GEORGE CARR BUICK PONTIAC CADILLAC GMC, INC. HYPERCOLOR AUTOMOTIVE RECONDITIONING, INC., D/B/A **AUTOWORICS COLLISION SPECIALIST.** LAKESHORE BODY SHOP, INC., PATRIOT AUTO BODY, LLC., PORTER'S BODY SHOP, INC., PROTOUCH COLLISION, LLC, D/B/A **BOLER-PHILLIPS BODY SHOP, RIDGELAND** BODY SHOP, INC., ROY ROGERS BODY SHOP, INC., SMITH BROTHERS BODY SHOP, INC., SMITH BROTHERS COLLISION CENTER, INC., WALKERS COLLISION CENTER, INC., MARK COOK AND BARRY LEWIS, INDIVIDUALLY AND D/B/A EUROPEAN COACHWORKS, LTD.

Case No. 3:14-cv-00012 CWR-FKB

Judge Carlton W. Reeves

Plaintiffs.

v.

STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY, STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, PROGRESSIVE GULF INSURANCE COMPANY, PROGRESSIVE CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, ALLSTATE PROPERTY AND CASUALTY COMPANY, ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY, NATIONWIDE PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE

COMPANY, GEICO GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, GEICO INDEMNITY COMPANY, UNITED SERVICES AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION, USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF ILLINOIS, SHELTER MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, DIRECT GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MISSISSIPPI, SHELTER GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, MISSISSIPPI FARM BUREAU CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

Defendants.

MOTION TO DISMISS FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT BY DEFENDANTS
ALLSTATE PROPERTY AND CASUALTY COMPANY, ALLSTATE INSURANCE
COMPANY, PROGRESSIVE CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, PROGRESSIVE
GULF INSURANCE COMPANY, SHELTER GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
SHELTER MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, DIRECT GENERAL INSURANCE
COMPANY OF MISSISSIPPI, MISSISSIPPI FARM BUREAU CASUALTY
INSURANCE COMPANY OF ILLINOIS,
UNITED SERVICES AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION, AND USAA CASUALTY
INSURANCE COMPANY

Defendants Allstate Property and Casualty Company, Allstate Insurance Company, Progressive Casualty Insurance Company, Progressive Gulf Insurance Company, Shelter General Insurance Company, Shelter Mutual Insurance Company, Direct General Insurance Company of Mississippi, Mississippi Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company, Safeco Insurance Company of Illinois, United Services Automobile Association, and USAA Casualty Insurance Company (collectively, "Defendants") respectfully submit this motion to dismiss Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint (Doc. 3) with prejudice pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 8 and Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6). Defendants would show:

- 1. Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 8, Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint is inadequately pled with conclusory allegations that improperly lump all of the Defendants together.
- 2. Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6), Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
- 3. In support of their motion, Defendants incorporate by reference their concomitant memorandum of authorities, including all materials, argument and law contained therein.

WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, the claims asserted against Defendants in Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint fail as a matter of law and Defendants move for dismissal with prejudice of the First Amended Complaint in its entirety.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, William C. Griffin, hereby certify that on June 26, 2014, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which sent notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

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